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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application is a divisional application of application no. 09/137,405. The abstract was not included with the parent application but is submitted now.

This preliminary amendment replaces original claims 1-29 with new claims 30-35.

New claim 30 is based mainly on the specification page 4, line 30 -page 5, line1 and Example 12 on page 17 together with Figures 10 and 11.

The production of a fusion protein is described on page 4, lines 14-19 and Examples 9 and 10 on page 16, where the fusion proteins GST-FIG, i e a fusion protein composed of glutathione thio transferase and fibrinogen binding protein, and His-FIG are mentioned.

Further, the *Staphylococcus epidermidis* protein, against which the antibodies are raised, have been defined in accordance with the recently allowed protein claims.

Claim 31 is further based on the original claim19.

Claim 32 is further based on original claim 20 (and Example 12).

Claim 33 is further based on original claim 29 (and page 4, line 30 -page 5, line1).

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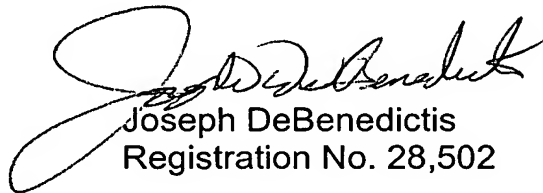
Claim 34 is further based on original claim 18.

Claim 35 is further based on Example 10.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to consider and make of record all of the art of record from the aforementioned parent application. To assist the examiner in this regard, applicant submits herewith an information disclosure statement wherein the art of record from the parent application has been listed on form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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